The One Who Vindicates Me Is Near Isaiah 50:4-9

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- Read Isaiah 50:4-9 again. When you have been weary, who has been someone with a well-instructed tongue who has spoken life and truth and sustained you? (Feel free to identify more than one and perhaps identify historical figures or authors as well as people who you know personally.)
- In verse 7, the servant of God declares, "The Lord God helps me." What does God's help look like, since it does not mean deliverance from physical pain and suffering in this context?
- What does vindication mean? What did Christ's vindication look like?
- Who are your adversaries? What would it be like if you were willing to be confronted by them and accused by them, because you were so secure in the knowledge that God loves you and affirms you?
- "The spiritual life is a physical life." Do you agree with that statement; why or why not?
- How is your body responding to the stresses of the coronavirus crisis?
- How might God be calling you to live out your faith in your body in this time?
- Spend some time in prayer, seeking to have the kind of confidence that the Servant of God exudes in Isaiah 50:4-9. Pray that God's faithfulness would be displayed in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to comfort you, trusting in the sufficiency of Jesus' passion and sacrifice to bring you salvation and hope.

^{*}Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.